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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Twenty-one pumpsets were installed in 1937 in Udayarpalayam taluk.

" (b) Only two pumpsets are in working condition in that taluk.

" (c) The pumpsets were maintained by the Revenue Department till 1947 and since then, in the interest of better maintenance, this work has been entrusted to the Industries Department. The cost of repair is met by the local bodies concerned.

" (d) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (e) Instructions have been issued to the Director of Industries and Commerce to pay special attention to the repair and the maintenance of bore wells and to see that the efficiency of maintenance is improved.

" (f) The answer is in the negative.

" (g) Wells in these areas affected by adverse seasonal conditions are deepened under the Rural Water Supply Scheme to tide over the drinking water scarcity."

Representations re the supersession of the Panchayat Board, Udangudi.

* 311 Q.—SRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation within the last three years from the public of Udangudi for the supersession of the panchayat board there;

(b) whether the District Panchayat Officer, Tirunelveli, has recommended the supersession; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) In 1950, the District Panchayat Officer suggested that the panchayat might be superseded. There were no sufficient grounds for taking such action against the panchayat and the Inspector directed the District Panchayat Officer to watch the administration of the panchayat. As the administration of the panchayat had improved, no further action was taken by the Inspector. In April 1952, a petition was received from certain residents of Udangudi making allegations against the panchayat. On enquiry the allegations were found to be untrue. There is no proposal to supersede the panchayat."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister has received several representations from the local

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public very recently about the mal-administration and mismanagement of funds as given in the audit reports and will the Government instruct the Inspector of Local Boards to enquire into the affairs of the panchayat board? ''

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—'' Sir, when any serious allegations are made, they are all properly enquired into and if anything is found wrong, action will be taken.''

Assets and liabilities of Pudukkottai State at the time of its merger with Madras State.

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MR. SPEAKER :—'' As the hon. Member, SRI V. Balakrishnan, is not in his seat, the answer will be printed in the proceedings.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the assets and liabilities of Pudukkottai State (now Pudukkottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district) at the time of its merger with Madras State;

(b) the total amount of revenue of Pudukkottai State immediately in the year prior to merger; and

(c) the total annual provincial revenues from Pudukkottai Division each year since merger (excluding income-tax) collected by the Madras Government?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' (a) Value of assets taken over—

		(RS. LAKHS.)
Buildings	..	51·25
Other assets	..	149·80
Total	..	201·05
Liabilities	..	39 23

'' (b) Rs. 37,45,000 in fasli 1356 (rupees thirty seven lakhs forty-five thousand only).

		RS.	A.	P.
'' (c) From 3rd March 1948 (date of merger) to end of..	1948–49	30,23,670	0	6
	1949–50	42,96,464	10	5

'' No separate figures from the years 1950–51 onwards are available as the Pudukkottai State has been merged with the Tiruchirappalli district from 1st April 1950 for all accounts purposes.''